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TAGS: SHUM
SUBJ: IMPRISONMENT OF DR. HANNA IBRAHIM MIKHAIL

POLOFF RAISED QUESTION FOR DR. MILHAIL'S IMPRISONMENT
WITH RIAD SIAGE, DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS, MFA, JUN 12.
SIAGE DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MIKHAIL BUT SAID HE WOULD
CHECK WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES REGARDING HIS DETENTION.
SIAGE NOTED THAT THE MATTER SEEMED STRANGE SINCE SYRIAN
RELATIONS WITH PLO ARE EXCELLENT AND IT IS UNLIKELY
THAT ANY PROMINENT PLO FIGURE WOULD BE UNDER DETENTION
AT THIS TIME. SIAGE ALSO REMARKED THAT IT WAS A GOOD
SIGN THAT US GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNING ITSELF WITH THE
WELFARE OF A MEMBER OF THE PLO. POLOFF STRESSED THAT USG
IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WAS TAKING
THIS CASE UP ON A HUMANITARIAN BASIS AND BECAUSE MIKHAIL'S
US CITIZEN SISTER HAD RAISED THE QUESTION WITH THE US
GOVERNMENT. SIAGE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND WOULD REPORT
TO US ANY INFORMATION HE IS ABLE TO FIND REGARDING
MIKHAIL'S STATUS.
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